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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

Keith Caves, et al.

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an automatic extension of time of one (1) months to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than July 14, 2000.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17, the required fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

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